LaBruzzo HB No. 542

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

 ${\bf FISHING/COMMERCIAL:\ Allows\ purchase\ of\ commercial\ licenses\ with\ credit\ cards\ and\ business\ checks.}$

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the purchase of hunting, recreational fishing and recreational gear licenses, duck licenses, combination or universal licenses, and Wild Louisiana Stamps by use of a credit card. Provides that the department may make available a "900" number that any purchaser may call in order to purchase such licenses by credit card. Allows the department to impose an additional fee for the use of a credit card to purchase the licenses.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the purchase by credit or debit card or business check of commercial licenses or permits and the purchase of oyster tags. Requires DWF to adopt rules, which are to include criteria that must be met to qualify for the use of a credit or debit card or business check to purchase commercial licenses or permits. Also provides that no fee shall be charged to the purchaser by DWF for payment by money order, cashier's check or cash.

(Adds R.S. 56:642(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill.</u>

- 1. Adds debit cards.
- 2. Adds that no fee shall be charged to the purchaser by the department for payment by money order, cashier's check or cash.